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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 2013

PRESENT: Chairman Sean Kelly, David Hurley, Stanislav Moline arrived at 7:07pm, Stefanie Cunningham and Alternate Donna Resutek

ABSENT: Vice Chairman Chris Todd, Gilbert Gamboa

STAFF

PRESENT: Lisa Houlihan, Acting Town Planner and Kristin Michaud, Recording Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Kelly called the EDC meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

III. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion: Reminder News Article -*Vernon Economic Development Event Highlights Successes, Past and Future.*
(<http://www.remindernews.com/article/2013/10/09/vernon-economic-development-event-highlights-successes-past-and-future>).

The Commission discussed Vernon's EDC event regarding a networking breakfast for the town's businesses with a turnout of 60 local businesses. They also discussed how Ellington should consider having a similar event.

Lisa Houlihan, Acting Town Planner, stated that the timing of this event is very important and that the Commission should plan carefully making a note that we want the first impression the best impression.

Chairman Kelly asked the commission to think whether this should be a breakfast, dinner or a possible hors d'oeuvre event, who they would like to invite, what content would they like to discuss, a location and possible ways to fund the event.

The Commission decided to put some thought into these suggestions and discuss them at the next regular meeting.

NO MOTIONS OR DECISIONS

IV. ACTIVE BUSINESS:

BY CONSENSUS, THE COMMISSION ADDED ITEM #1 TO THE AGENDA PERMANENTLY.

1. Tolland County Chamber of Commerce Report.

Ms. Houlihan reviewed with the Commission how the Tolland County Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting went. She noted that the next meeting is scheduled for December 10 at 12 pm and asked if another member of the commission would be able to attend and Commissioner Hurley stated he would be able to attend that meeting.

NO MOTIONS OR DECISIONS

2. Report: Agricultural Initiatives

Nothing to report.

NO MOTIONS OR DECISIONS

3. Report: Business Directory

Ms. Houlihan stated that GoLocal has what they need and they are planning a launch date before December 1, 2013.

NO MOTIONS OR DECISIONS

4. Report: Business Surveys and Site Visits

NO MOTIONS OR DECISIONS

5. Report: Tax Incentive Programs

Nothing to report.

NO MOTIONS OR DECISIONS

6. Report: Current Economic Activity

Ms. Houlihan reported that there is a new company that specializes in site clearing is planning to locate on the corner of Tomoka Ave. and Sadds Mill Road and the Thunderbird Package Store has a new owner and they have plans to revamp the building.

NO MOTIONS OR DECISIONS

V. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

1. Approval of the October 21, 2013, regular meeting minutes.

MOVED (HURLEY), SECONDED (CUNNINGHAM) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 21, 2013 MEETING MINUTES AS WRITTEN.

2. Approval of the 2014 EDC Meeting Schedule.

MOVED (MOLINE), SECONDED (HURLEY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE 2014 EDC MEETING SCHEDULE.

3. Correspondence:

- a. 2014 – 2015 Capital Improvement Budget Requests.
- b. Announcement: Tolland County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours Event, December 3, 2013, 5PM - 7PM, Sponsored by Kahan, Kerensky & Caposella, LLP.
- c. Next meeting of the Economic Development Committee – Tolland County Chamber of Commerce is Tuesday, December 10, 2013, 12PM.

SO NOTED

IV. ADJOURNMENT:

MOVED (MOLINE), SECONDED (HURLEY) AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:06 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:



Kristin C. Michaud
Recording Secretary